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In the application of:

CHANG ET AL.

Serial No. 10/017,817

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For: OPHTHALMIC COMPOSITIONS FOR  
LUBRICATING EYES AND METHODS  
FOR MAKING AND USING SAME

Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Fay, Zohreh A.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's communication mailed March 25, 2003, which included a restriction requirement.

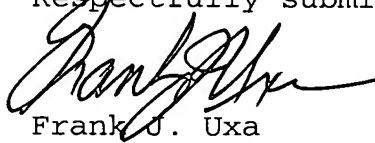
Restriction has been required between the Group I Claims, claims 1-34, drawn to ophthalmic compositions; and Group II claims, claims 35-40, drawn to methods of treating an eye comprising using such compositions and methods of making such compositions. Applicant provisionally elects the Group I claims, claims 1-34. However, applicant traverses the restriction requirement.

As noted above, the Group I claims are directed to ophthalmic compositions. The Group II claims are directed to methods for using such compositions and methods for making such compositions.

All the present claims are thus closely related to each other. In particular, a search regarding the patentability of the Group I claims would be substantially coextensive with a search regarding the Group II claims. Thus, the Patent and Trademark Office is placed under no undue burden in considering all of the present claims in the above-identified application.

In view of the above, applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that all of the present claims, that is claims 1-40, be considered in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,



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